In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 15 and 21 as follows:

1. (Amended Twice) A computer-based method, comprising comparing a plurality of vendor specific instances of an electronic print job request object within a combined view, each vendor specific instance of the print job request object to represent a relationship between a customer and one of a plurality of vendors to perform a print job project, each vendor specific instance of the print job request object defined through a series of iterative customer submissions and vendor responses to allow the customer to select one of the plurality of vendors to perform the print job project.

5. (Amended Twice) A computer system configured to allow a customer and a plurality of vendors to interact with one another in defining a plurality of vendor specific instances of a electronic print job request object for a print job project by permitting the customer to compare within a combined view, in an initially under-constrained fashion, each vendor specific instance of the print job request object and further permitting the vendors and the customer to successively develop each vendor specific instance of the print job request object to a fully-constrained form through an iterative process in which one or more constraints on one of the vendor specific instances the print job request object are added, removed and/or modified during each iteration.

15. (Amended Twice) A Web server having one or more user interfaces to allow a customer and a plurality of vendors to view one or more vendor specific instances of a electronic print

request object for a print job project within a combined view, the user interfaces configured to allow the customer and the vendors to connect with the web server permitting the customer to compare, in an initially under-constrained fashion, each vendor specific instance of the print job request object and further permitting the vendors and the customer to successively develop each request object to a fully-constrained form through an iterative process in which one or more constraints on the vendor specific instances of the print job request object are added, removed and/or modified during each iteration.

21. (Amended) A method of comparing proposals from a plurality of vendors comprising:

defining, through a series of iterative customer submissions and vendor responses, information concerning a print job project, the information being stored in a plurality of vendor-specific instances of a print job object; and

comparing two or more vendor-specific instances of the print job object within a combined view to select one of the plurality of vendors to perform the print job project.

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